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SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN TRAFFICKING IN FINLAND AND SWEDEN RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE DANISH MEDIA TODAY AS DID THE DEPARTURE OF THE EXPELLED NORTH KOREANS FROM COPENHAGEN. ONE PAPER SAID THERE WERE REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE NEW NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED HERE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING ELSEWHERE. DANISH ACCEPTANCE OF DIPLOMATS FROM A COUNTRY CALCULATEDLY DIRECTING ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO VIOLATE DANISH LAW IS SEEN AS A CHALLENGE TO DANISH POLICY ON RECOGNITION.

END SUMMARY.

1. DANISH MEDIA DEVOTED MOST ATTENTION TO REPORTS ON THE FINNISH GOVERNMENTS ACTION AGAINST NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC TRAFFICKERS IN HELSINKI ON SAME CHARGES AS IN DENMARK. A TELECAST IN COPENHAGEN OCTOBER 20 SHOWED NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS ATTACKING TELEVISION CAMERAMEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT PHOTOGRAPHING OF THE EMBASSY BUILDING. ON THE SWEDISH CASE, SOME PAPERS NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY THERE, NO ACTION WAS EXPECTED IN STOCKHOLM UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION WAS CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK. THERE WERE SOME REPORTS THAT THE SWEDISH POLICE ADMITTED THAT ACTION TAKEN BY THE DANES THE NORWEGIANS HAD GIVEN THE SWEDES THE COURAGE TO ACT THEMSELVES.

2. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE AND PICTURES WERE CARRIED ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE THREE REMAINING NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS INVOLVED IN TRAFICKING IN DENMARK. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWED THEM BOTH BOARDING AND ON THE TRAIN AND POLITIKEN (INDEPENDENT LEFT-OF-CENTER) REPORTED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN DEPARTURE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS DENYING WRONGDOING OF ANY KIND AND CHARGING THAT THE DANISH ACTION AGAINST THE NORTH KOREANS HAD DESTROYED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AN AIDE TO THE AMBASSADOR, IT WAS ALSO REPORTED, EXPLAINED THAT THE STATEMENT WAS THE AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL DECLARATION AND NOT THAT OF THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT. POLITIKEN REPORTED THAT IN THE FIRST NOTE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIVED BY DANES FROM PYONGYANG, THE NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THE ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN DENMARK. PAPER REPORTS ANOTHER AND FINAL NOTE IS EXPECTED TODAY (OCTOBER 21).

3. BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) REPORTED THAT VISAS HAD BEEN ISSUED TO THREE REPLACEMENT NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS. THEY WERE LISTED AS

COUNSELLOR AND CHARGE SIN T'AE-IN, THIRD SECRETARY
YI IN HO, AND ATTACHE CH'OE CH'A RYANG. ARTICLE
NOTED THAT BECAUSE NO REPLACEMENT HAD BEEN NAMED FOR
THE AMBASSADOR, IT WOULD BE UNNECESSARY FOR ANY OF THE
NEW DIPLOMATS TO CALL ON THE QUEEN. ALSO COMMENTING
ON THE REPLACEMENTS, AKTUEL (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC)
CARRIED A REPORT THAT ONE OF THE NEW NORTH KOREAN
DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN IMPLICATED PREVIOUSLY ELSEWHERE IN
SIMILAR UNACCEPTABLE DIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOR.

CALLING THIS A "BAROQUE SEQUEL", AKTUEL COMMENTED THAT
THE NEW DIPLOMAT, IF THE REPORTS ARE TRUE, WOULD BE
GOTTN RID OF IMMEDIATELY, WHETHER DIPLOMATICALLY OR
NOT, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD
EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE CHARACTER OF THE NEW DIPLOMATS.

4. THE LEFTIST-INTELLECTUAL DAILY INFORMATION
REPORTED ON FOLKETING DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY
COMMITTEE (LIBERAL) MEMBER ARNE CHRISTIANSEN'S TELE-
VISION COMMENTS ON THE DANISH-NORTH KOREAN FRIENDSHIP
SOCIETY. CHRISTIANSEN, WHO APPEARED IN AN INTER-
VIEW WITH THE SOCIETY'S CHARMAN, SAID HE FOUND THE
WEAK EXCUSES OF DANISH APOLOGISTS FOR THE NORTH
KOREANS "NAIVE". THESE APOLOGISTS, ACCORDING TO
CHRISTIANSEN, ARE WRINGING THEIR HANDS OVER THE FATE OF
"THESE PEOPLE FROM A PRIMITIVE LAND WHO HAD MISUNDERSTOOD
THE WESTERN WORLD".

5. STRIKING CLOSER TO HOME AND AT THE DANISH POLICY OF
RECOGNIZING GOVERNMENTS WHICH EXERCISE POLITICAL POWER
REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF THE REGIME OR ITS IDEOLOGY,
BERLINGSKE TIDENDE ASKED HOW THE DANISH GOVERNMENT COULD
RECEIVE ANVOYS FROM A STATE WHICH CHLCLATEDLY DIRECTED
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ITS PEOPLE TO VIOLATE DANISH LAW. AKTUEL, IN ITS
EDITORIAL, STATED THAT WIDESPREAD TRAFFICKING BY
NORTH KOREANS LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS BEHAVIOR
WAS DIRECTED FROM PYONGYANG AND LED TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC SUPER-
BLACK MARKET WITH BRANCHES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES".
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